

272. They may at any time suspend or expel a pupil for immorality, continued insubordination, or other improper conduct.

273. They shall admit no child into any of their schools under the age of five or over the age of seventeen years, unless in cases where, in their judgment, this rule ought to be dispensed with.

274. They shall oblige the teachers in their respective districts, or the principal, if there be more than one employed, to keep a register of the names and ages of all the scholars, distinguishing the sex, who have from time to time attended the schools.

275. They shall, on or about the first day of December, in each year, furnish the president of the board of school commissioners with a statement of the number of pupils, males and females, that have attended the schools in their respective districts during the year ending on the last day of November, and with the number of children in their respective districts entitled to a portion of the general school fund for the ensuing year, and all items of expense of each school, teachers' salaries, books, stationery, fuel, &c., with such observations relative to the practical operations of the system as they may think proper.

276*. The children attending public schools in Washington county shall be admitted free of charge for nine months in each and every year.

277. Each school commissioner shall have the power to sell any school house or lot in the election district for which he shall be appointed, and give a good and valid deed for the same, whenever the public interest of the school district may require it; *Provided*, such sale be authorized by the legal voters of said district; and the trustees shall appropriate the proceeds of such sale to the purchase of another lot or the building of another school house, or make such other disposition of it as the legal voters of said school district may determine; but the trustees shall give notice to the legal voters of the school district of the time and place of meeting for the determination of the matter.

278. Every person elected as a school commissioner or as a trustee, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe before some justice of the peace the following oath: "I, A. B., do swear that I will faithfully and to the best of my judgment and ability, without partiality or prejudice,